

WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2021
12:00 P.M.

UNAPPROVED

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on January 18, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Paul Hadzick called the meeting to order.

Council Members attending: Joseph Thomas, Norman Richie, Paul J. Hadzick and those attending via speaker phone: Theresa D'Andrea, Harold Farrow, and Jeffery Miller. Absent: Joseph Cyburt.

Also attending: Borough Manager, Harold Pudliner; Borough Solicitor, James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O'Donnell; Police Chief Brian Markovchick; Journal Newspapers reporter, Seth Isenberg; Edward Moyer (Live Streaming to Facebook) and citizen: Rocco Connors.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 28, 2020, were approved on a motion by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Jeffery Miller, and approved by general acclaim of Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The checking account balances as of December 31, 2020, totaled \$428,571.48.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Thomas and by general acclaim of Council.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The Manager provided a listing of the bills paid on December 30, 2020, January 7th, January 14th and those to be paid on January 21, 2021, in the amount of \$60,979.82 and they were approved for payment on a motion by Theresa D'Andrea, seconded by Jeffery Miller and on a roll call vote:

Joseph Thomas	Yes	Jeffery Miller	Yes
Harold Farrow	Yes	Theresa D'Andrea	Yes
Norman Richie	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Disposition of Old Borough Building and Actions Required.

Mr. Pudliner provided Council with a copy of the Resolution authorizing the sale of the old Borough Building at 10 Wilbur Street. If Council wishes to sell the old Borough Building, they must adopt a resolution.

A motion was made by Jeffery Miller to proceed with the sale of the old Borough building with the stipulation that the buyer maintain the exterior integrity and appearance of the building, it was seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved on a roll call vote:

Jeffery Miller	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Harold Farrow	Yes	Theresa D'Andrea	Yes
Joseph Thomas	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

2. Citizens' Fire Company No. 1 Annual Report.

Mr. Pudliner provided Council with a copy of the Citizens' Fire Company No. 1 Annual Report.

A motion to approve the Citizens' Fire Company No. 1 Annual Report was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved on general acclaim of Council.

3. Approve Electronic Recycling Dates and Participation of Lehigh, Lausanne and Packer Townships.

Mr. Pudliner was able to reserve the following dates for electronic recycling: Saturday, June 19, 2021, from 9am until the truck is full or 12:00 pm and also on Thursday, September 9, 2021, from 2 pm until the truck is full or 5:00 pm. Lehigh, Lausanne and Packer Townships will be included in these recycling events. The Per Capita Shares are as follows:

Weatherly Borough	\$802.00
Lehigh Township	\$162.00
Lausanne Township	\$159.00
Packer Township	\$303.00

A motion to approve the 2021 Electronic Recycling Dates and the participation of Lehigh, Lausanne and Packer Townships was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved on general acclaim of Council.

4. Resolution to Prune and Thin Municipal Forests.

This item was tabled on the recommendation of Borough Solicitor James Nanovic because Mr. Pudliner did not receive the report on this project.

5. Authorization to Sell Various Borough Property.

Mr. Pudliner stated that there is an excess of property left from moving to the new building, which he would like to sell unless Council sees something on the list of excess property that they feel the Borough should keep. The list of excess items consists of:

- 13 – Wooden Rocking Chairs (from the Council Chamber)
- 3 – Two Drawer Filing Cabinets
- 1 - Four Drawer Legal Filing Cabinet
- 10 – Executive Chairs (green – from the Council Chamber)
- 2 – Task Chairs (black)
- 9 – Wooden Straight Back Chairs
- 1 – Safe
- 1 – Ford F150 Truck (Police Unmarked Vehicle)

Harold Farrow stated that he was not in favor of putting the items out to bid on Municibid. He felt the public should be able to examine the items and be able to bid on them.

A motion to approve the sale of various Borough property at the Borough Manager's discretion, was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Thomas and approved on a roll call vote:

Harold Farrow	Yes	Joseph Thomas	Yes
Theresa D'Andrea	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Jeffery Miller	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

6. Resolution on Tax Collectors Fees and Salary.

Mr. Pudliner reviewed the information he received from Solicitor Nanovic on what other municipalities are paying their tax collectors. He stated that we are pretty much well below what the other municipalities are paying. He brought our rates up to the same fees and salaries that the

others are doing. The following resolution will need to be adopted in order to enact this change for the newly elected tax collector in 2022.

RESOLUTION OF 2021-1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEATHERLY BOROUGH ESTABLISHING THE OF COMPENSATION FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR WEATHERLY BOROUGH

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Weatherly Borough, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, are authorized to set the rate of compensation for the Tax Collector.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of Weatherly Borough that the compensation for the Tax Collector for Weatherly Borough shall be as follows:

1. Base Rate of 5%
2. \$20.00 per tax Certification issued by the Tax Collector
3. \$10.00 per duplicate bill issued by the tax collector
4. \$35.00 for returned checks
5. Borough will pay one-half (1/2) of Software Fees and Support

This Resolution is adopted by the Borough Council of Weatherly Borough in lawful session duly assemble on the 18th day of January 2021. The Resolution shall become effective at the earliest date

Authorized by the Pennsylvania Statues.

A motion to approve the Resolution on Tax Collector's Fees and Salary to apply to the Tax Collector elected in 2022 was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Norman Richie and approved on a roll call vote:

Joseph Thomas	Yes	Jeffery Miller	Yes
Harold Farrow	Yes	Theresa D'Andrea	Yes
Norman Richie	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

7. Review and Approve for Bid 2021 Road Program.

Mr. Pudliner explained to Council that the Borough has a reduced Liquid Fuels allocation from last year, because of the COVID there was less gas tax collected. The Borough's allocation has been reduced to \$74,489.43. The roads going out to bid are: Jefferson Street, Washington Street, Lilac Alley (Washington to Butz St.), Chestnut Alley (Spring St. to East Main St.), Zarembo's Alley (West Main St to Jefferson St) and Birch Alley (East Second St to Evergreen Ave.).

A motion to authorize the Borough Manger to put out for bid the 2021 Road Project was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved on a roll call vote:

Jeffery Miller	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
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Joseph Thomas	Yes	Theresa D'Andrea	Yes
Harold Farrow	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

8. Adopt of Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 10 Wilbur Street.

RESOLUTION 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEATHERLY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 10 WILBUR STREET, WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the Borough of Weatherly is the owner of a property sometimes known as the Train Station and formerly used as the Weatherly Borough Hall located at 10 Wilbur Street, Weatherly, Pennsylvania by virtue of a deed dated May 8, 1973 and recorded in the Office of the Recording of Deeds in and for Carbon County in Deed Book 338, Page 523; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Weatherly has recently constructed a new Borough Hall located at 61 West Main Street, Weatherly, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, it being in the best interest of the Borough to sell the property located at 10 Wilbur Street, Weatherly, PA by advertising for bids.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of Weatherly Borough the property located at 10 Wilbur Street, Weatherly, Pennsylvania will be advertised for sale with bids to be opened at a Borough Council meeting scheduled for February 17, 2021. At the Borough Council meeting Council will determine whether or not accept the bids, to reject the bids or table the bids as deemed in the best interest of the Borough of Weatherly.

This Resolution was adopted the _____ day of January 2021 in lawful session duly assembled.

A motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of the Old Borough Building was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved on a roll call vote:

Norman Richie	Yes	Jeffery Miller	Yes
Harold Farrow	Yes	Joseph Thomas	Yes
Theresa D'Andrea	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

Question from Facebook

Ed Moyer, operating the Facebook live video, stated that Michele Gerhard asked why Council did not respond to the historic railworks offer. Mr. Pudliner said he was not sure what she was referring to because there was no offer presented. The stone building walls are deteriorating and need to come down and there is still environmental work that needs to be completed regarding the stone building.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn at 12:22 pm was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Jeffery Miller.